

Tops In Blue bring show to Rhein-Main

Celebrating more than 45 years of entertainment history, Tops In Blue, one of the oldest and most widely traveled entertainment groups of its kind, comes to Rhein-Main Sept. 25, for a free performance at 7 p.m.

The 90-minute show, which takes place at Hangar 425, features a variety of songs from the past and present from Broadway, pop, dance and a combination of love songs. The theme of this year's show is "The Magic of Music."

"Music has a very lasting effect on us and it can often provide instant memories," said Tom Edwards, the show's producer and director of Air Force Entertainment.

Music can take people back to a special moment, he added. "Simply put, music is magical."

"This years team of 35 active-duty military members is indeed a reflection of the best of the best," Edwards said. "Continuing the tradition of worldwide ambassadors, this group of talented young Air Force members displays the pride, patriotism, and dedication felt by all Air Force personnel around the world."

Tops In Blue, is an Air Force special unit made up of talented amateur performers selected for their entertainment abilities, he said.

Each year, thousands compete in base

talent contests, and the winners move on to higher levels of competition. The result is an elite group composed of the most talented vocalists, musicians and dancers anywhere in the service, said Edwards.

The main purpose of Tops In Blue is to perform for military personnel and their families throughout the world.

Since its first world tour in 1953, the group has performed more than 7,000 shows, including on film and before a live and broadcast audience of 110 million at Super Bowl XIX.

The 2001 Tops in Blue schedule includes 125 performances in 20 different countries around the world.